

**Tennessee State Parks  
Events and Happenings  
October to December 2009**

- Cumberland Trail      October      Sunday Nights 8:30 pm WDVX 89.9 fm**  
Join Bob Fulcher as he presents rare old-time bluegrass, gospel, rockabilly and more, 1926 to present day, from musicians who were born and raised along the Cumberland Trail. For more information contact [Bobby.Fulcher@state.tn.us](mailto:Bobby.Fulcher@state.tn.us) or 423-566-2229. web cast at [www.WDVX.com](http://www.WDVX.com).
- Natchez Trace      October      Shriner's Trail Ride**  
This is an annual trail ride hosted by the Shrinners. It will be held at the Wrangler Campground. The event will include a bar-b-que meal, auction and hayride for the family. Contact (731) 968-3742.
- Natchez Trace      October      Run like a Deer Trail Run**  
This is an annual event, which is sponsored by the Friends of Natchez Trace State Park. There will be a 5k and 10k run which will begin at the Park Store and end at Cub Lake Swim Area. For more information on this event contact [Alisha.Weber@state.tn.us](mailto:Alisha.Weber@state.tn.us) or (731) 968-3742.
- Sycamore Shoals      October      Guest Naturalist Tour & Lecture Series**  
Throughout the year, area naturalists will be joining us at varied times to share in their areas of expertise. Guided tours, hikes, talks, and field trips will explore the park and other areas of natural interest. For more information, visit [www.sycamoreshoals.org](http://www.sycamoreshoals.org) or call (423) 543-5808.
- Sycamore Shoals      Last Sunday of the month, October  
Sunday Jams at the Carter Mansion**  
Our open pickin' and sharin' session is open to musicians of all levels, dancers, listeners, and toe tappers! Join us for this home-style gathering. For more information, visit [www.sycamoreshoals.org](http://www.sycamoreshoals.org) or call (423) 543-5808.
- Sycamore Shoals      Month of October  
Mysterious Candlelight Tours of the Carter Mansion**  
Dates & Times TBA  
Have you ever wondered what goes on at the Carter mansion after dark? A house that is over 200 years old is bound to have some mysterious stories. At select times during the month of October, you will have the rare opportunity to visit the oldest frame house in Tennessee and explore the mysterious side of this historic place. For more information, visit [www.sycamoreshoals.org](http://www.sycamoreshoals.org) or call (423) 543-5808.

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- Big Ridge      October Fridays and Saturdays      Ghost House Hikes**  
Join us for a “haunting” experience as we hike Big Ridge State Park’s Ghost House Trail. Along the way we will take a stop at the Norton Cemetery and listen to some spine-tingling stories about the ghosts of Big Ridge. Please bring a flashlight and meet at the grist mill parking lot. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. No children under 6 years of age. The hikes are free, but reservations are required. Limit 30 people per hike. Contact Sarah Nicley at 865-992-5523.
- Natchez Trace      October 1 – November 15      Fall Color Canoe Trips**  
Canoe trips are held on Browns Lake where visitors often enjoy seeing Great Blue Herons, Fall colors and beautiful sunsets. If you are interested in a Fall Color Canoe Trip contact [Alisha.Weber@state.tn.us](mailto:Alisha.Weber@state.tn.us) or (731) 968-3742.
- Sycamore Shoals      October 2-5      14<sup>th</sup> Annual Sycamore Shoals Quilt Show**  
Thursday - Saturday      8:00 am - 4:30 pm  
Sunday      1:00 pm - 4:30 pm  
This four-day exhibition, sponsored by the Sycamore Shoals Stitches, features a show and demonstrations by local quilters held in the park museum. Bed quilts, wall hangings, holiday and baby quilts, miniatures and antique quilts will be on display. For more information, visit [www.sycamoreshoals.org](http://www.sycamoreshoals.org) or call (423) 543-5808.
- Bledsoe Creek      October 4      Dulcimer Workshop & Jam Session**  
Friends of Bledsoe Creek State Park will host a dulcimer workshop and jam session. Bring your dulcimer and questions. Many clubs will be present. There will be an open stage and an evening jam session. Vendor space available. 11 am – 6 pm. For more information contact Sharon Armistead [skarmistead@yahoo.com](mailto:skarmistead@yahoo.com) or (615) 347-3639.
- Sycamore Shoals      October 4 & 5      Fort Watauga Knap-In**  
10:00 am – 4:30 pm  
Help us celebrate Tennessee Archaeology Week at Fort Watauga with demonstrations of how pre-historic man made stone tools and weapons. Displays of replicated primitive artifacts and demonstrations with primitive weapons such as bow and arrow and atlatl fill the days. Come and make your own projectile points! For more information, visit [www.sycamoreshoals.org](http://www.sycamoreshoals.org) or call (423) 543-5808.

- Fort Loudoun**                      **October 4 & 5**                      **Garrison Weekend**  
Visitors can interact with living historians as they demonstrate a variety of tasks common to a frontier English fortification such as cooking, laundering, blacksmithing, musket & artillery demonstrations, medical, daily life in the enlisted soldier's barracks, an 18<sup>th</sup> century Cherokee camp, and much more. [Jeff.Wells@state.tn.us](mailto:Jeff.Wells@state.tn.us) or (423) 884-6217.
- Reelfoot Lake**                      **October 4-5**    **37<sup>th</sup> annual Reelfoot Arts and Crafts Festival**  
Join the thousands of visitors coming to the nearly half-mile long exhibit area at the 37<sup>th</sup> annual Reelfoot Arts and Crafts Festival. Held at the **Reelfoot Lake State Park's** Visitor Center and continuing onto adjacent properties, this unique northwest Tennessee festival features many diverse craftsmen and food vendors. For more information contact James Cox at (731) 253-8003.
- Sycamore Shoals**                      **October 4**                      **Bird Walks w/ Lee & Lois Herndon TOS Chapter**  
Meet these wonderful birders and naturalists at Sycamore Shoals for a morning of birding during the migratory season. 8 am. For more information, visit [www.sycamoreshoals.org](http://www.sycamoreshoals.org) or call (423) 543-5808.
- Warriors Path**                      **October 4**                      **Annual Environmental Education Workshop**  
This is a Saturday full of nature learning techniques for teachers and for other adults who wish to share nature with children. The workshop is free, but preregistration is required. [Marty.Silver@state.tn.us](mailto:Marty.Silver@state.tn.us) or (423) 239-6787.
- Bicentennial Capitol Mall**                      **October 10 & 11**                      **Tennessee's History Festival**  
Tennessee Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park will host it's 5th annual Tennessee History Festival featuring 200 years of living history. Hernando DeSoto, Native American, Frontiersmen, Civil War and World War II will be a part of this year's festival. Mock battles of the Civil War and WWII time periods will be featured at 12:00 noon each day. Event will take place from 10:00 a.m. til 5:00 p.m. each day. For more information contact [Michael.C.Cole@state.tn.us](mailto:Michael.C.Cole@state.tn.us) or 615-741-5280.
- Natchez Trace**                      **October 10**                      **Family Astronomy Day**  
This is a wonderful time of the year to enjoy the crisp autumn air and clear skies in Tennessee. Bring your family or group out for a night of viewing the stars. Equipment will be provided. For more information contact [Alisha.Weber@state.tn.us](mailto:Alisha.Weber@state.tn.us) or (731) 968-3742.
- Chickasaw**                      **October 11 & 12**                      **Craft Fair**  
Chickasaw's annual craft fair features hand crafted items from several vendors through out West Tennessee and beyond. The fair runs from 9-5 on Saturday and 9-4 on Sunday. [Ronald.Elder@state.tn.us](mailto:Ronald.Elder@state.tn.us) or (731) 989-5141.

- Port Royal**                      **October 11      Trail of Tears Commemorative Day**  
Come and learn about the forced removal of the Cherokee Nation from their homeland. Exhibits about the Trail of Tears and Port Royal, interpretive tours, 1830's domestic skills and medicine living history will be featured and at 10:00 am there will be re-creation of the Cherokees march through the town of Port Royal followed by a ceremony.  
[David.Britton@state.tn.us](mailto:David.Britton@state.tn.us) or (931)-358-9696.
- Standing Stone**                      **October 11                      Annual Car Show**  
Come and enjoy antique cars/trucks and hot rods. The event is a fun filled day of music and food. Some 300 vehicles will be showed and judged. Show your own or just come and observe Contact: Patrick Randall, [Patrick.Randall@state.tn.us](mailto:Patrick.Randall@state.tn.us) or (931) 823-6347.
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- Tims Ford**                      **October 11                      Shade Tree Pickin' Festival**  
If you play an instrument or just enjoy listening to great music Tims Ford State Park is the place to be every other Saturday night. Please bring your instruments and join in. The music nights are held at the Recreation Building at Tims Ford State Park. 10 am – 10 pm. For more information [sharon.reagan@state.tn.us](mailto:sharon.reagan@state.tn.us) or (931) 962-1183.
- Natchez Trace**                      **October 17                      Fall Color Pontoon Trips & Photography Day**  
This is the perfect time of the year to get out the camera and work on your photography. Visitors will not only have a chance to work on photography but we will also end the day with a Sunset Pontoon Ride. [Alisha.Weber@state.tn.us](mailto:Alisha.Weber@state.tn.us) or (731) 968-3742.
- Fall Creek Falls**                      **October 18 & 19                      Fall Colors Weekend**  
Join us on bicycle tours, guided hikes, and slideshows focusing on the autumn splendor of Fall Creek Falls. (423) 881-5708.
- Fort Pillow**                      **October 18                      Fall Festival**  
Join park staff for a day of programs and events including a costume contest, pumpkin decorating contest, and a hayride.  
[Greg.S.Taylor@state.tn.us](mailto:Greg.S.Taylor@state.tn.us) or [Robby.Tidwell@state.tn.us](mailto:Robby.Tidwell@state.tn.us) or (731) 738-5581.

- Norris Dam**      **October 18-30**      **Fall Color Cruises**  
Join us as we venture along beautiful Norris Lake in the park's pontoon boat and view nature's artistry of fall colors. Park Rangers will narrate your trip with tree and wildlife identification and park history. Must call the park office to sign up, after Labor Day (865-426-7461). There will be four trips per day departing from Norris Dam Marina and each trip lasts for approximately 1 hour. Trips limited to 10 people and organized groups taken through the week only. Trips will be canceled if inclement weather prevails. Trips cost \$6.00 per adult and \$5.00 for children under six. For more information email [mike.scott@state.tn.us](mailto:mike.scott@state.tn.us) or call (865-426-7461).
- Sycamore Shoals**      **October 18**      **Bird Walks w/ Lee & Lois Herndon TOS Chapter**  
Meet these wonderful birders and naturalists at Sycamore Shoals for a morning of birding during the migratory season. 8 am. For more information, visit [www.sycamoreshoals.org](http://www.sycamoreshoals.org) or call (423) 543-5808.
- Warrior's Path**      **October 18**      **Autumn Harvest**  
Warrior's Path State Park will host this event for the very first time. Bring your families out to the recreation building to enjoy bluegrass music, vendors, and demonstrators of various crafts. For more information contact [Scott.Crick@state.tn.us](mailto:Scott.Crick@state.tn.us) or (423) 239-8531.
- Port Royal**      **October 23**      **Port Royal by Lantern**  
Take a trip through time on a guided night-time lantern tour through the park while enjoying story telling from some of Port Royals citizens from over the past 250 years. Features living historians and tours to end at a community campfire with free refreshments. Program runs from 6:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. For more information contact [David.Britton@state.tn.us](mailto:David.Britton@state.tn.us) or (931)-358-9089.
- Natchez Trace**      **October 24**      **Backpacking Red Leaves Trail**  
This is an overnight backpacking trip on our newly renovated Red Leaves Hiking Trail. Hikers will head out into the forest and end at a picturesque view of the campsite on the banks of Maple Lake. This program is for both beginners and the experienced backpacker. (You must be over the age of 18 for this program.) For more information contact [Alisha.Weber@state.tn.us](mailto:Alisha.Weber@state.tn.us) or (731) 968-3742.
- Fall Creek Falls**      **October 25**      **Wild Foods Day**  
Field trips identifying edible wild plants and workshops on preparing wild meats and breads are just part of the activities. The real treat comes in enjoying the wild feast. (423) 881-5708.

- Sycamore Shoals**      **October 25      Bird Walks w/ Lee & Lois Herndon TOS Chapter**  
Meet these wonderful birders and naturalists at Sycamore Shoals for a morning of birding during the migratory season. 8 am. For more information, visit [www.sycamoreshoals.org](http://www.sycamoreshoals.org) or call (423) 543-5808.
- Sycamore Shoals**      **October 25      Mountain River Concert:  
The Jonesborough Novelty Band**  
Our continuing series of performances highlight the talents of traditional musicians from our region. Join us at 7:00pm in the Sycamore Shoals Visitors Center on the last Saturday of every month except July, September, November, and December. Admissions Charge. For more information, visit [www.sycamoreshoals.org](http://www.sycamoreshoals.org) or call (423) 543-5808.
- Tims Ford**      **October 25      Saturday Night Pickins**  
If you play an instrument or just enjoy listening to great music Tims Ford State Park is the place to be every other Saturday night. Please bring your instruments and join in. The music nights are held at the Recreation Building at Tims Ford State Park. 5 – 10 pm. For more information [sharon.reagan@state.tn.us](mailto:sharon.reagan@state.tn.us) or (931) 962-1183.
- Meeman-Shelby**      **Oct 26 – 27      20<sup>th</sup> annual J. L. Colbert Rendezvous**  
**Meeman-Shelby State Park** will be hosting the 20th anniversary of the James Logan Colbert Rendezvous on October 26 and 27. Come see how the early pioneers of Tennessee lived, worked and played during this pre-1840 living history event. Events include black powder shooting competitions for rifle and smoothbore, tomahawk throwing competitions, outdoor cooking competitions and period games. There will be period crafts as well as onsite craftsmen making their wares. There will be over 50 participants in period clothing and living the colonial frontier life style. Visitors are welcome on Saturday and Sunday and there is no charge. For more information contact Steve Smith at (901) 876-5201.
- Sycamore Shoals**      **October 30      Scary Stories at the Carter Mansion**  
Strange things happen around the time of All Hallows Eve, especially in a graveyard. Join us for tales of woe and terror, the weird and macabre, with a touch of wit thrown in for good measure. Don't be afraid, the graveyard at the Carter Mansion isn't haunted, we don't think! 7:30 pm. For more information, visit [www.sycamoreshoals.org](http://www.sycamoreshoals.org) or call (423) 543-5808.
- Davy Crockett Birthplace**      **October 31      Trick or Treat in the Haunted Forest**  
Come out and bring the kids to trick or treat through our woods. There will be a lighted trail to lead the way so you don't get lost, ghost and ghouls will hand out treats along the trail. Dress appropriately for cold weather and bring a flashlight. For more information please contact [Dawn.Coleman@state.tn.us](mailto:Dawn.Coleman@state.tn.us) or call (423) 257-2167.

- Natchez Trace      October 31      Fall Festival at the Park**  
Spend the night of the 31<sup>st</sup> on the park enjoying hayrides, campfire programs and wildlife. Contact Pin Oak Lodge for rooming information. (Sign up is required in advance for this program)  
[Alisha.Weber@state.tn.us](mailto:Alisha.Weber@state.tn.us) or (731) 968-3742.
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- Fort Loudoun      November 1 & 2      Garrison Weekend**  
This garrison weekend celebrates the birthday of King George II, the English King at the time of Fort Loudoun. Visitors can interact with living historians as they demonstrate a variety of tasks common to a frontier English fortification such as cooking, laundering, blacksmithing, musket & artillery demonstrations, medical, daily life in the enlisted soldier's barracks, an 18<sup>th</sup> century Cherokee camp, and much more.  
[Jeff.Wells@state.tn.us](mailto:Jeff.Wells@state.tn.us) or (423) 884-6217.
- Fort Pillow      November 1& 2      Fall Living History Weekend**  
Visitors will be able to view reenactors portraying the camp life of both Union and Confederate soldiers during the Civil War. The park museum will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Programs will also be offered throughout the weekend. [Greg.S.Taylor@state.tn.us](mailto:Greg.S.Taylor@state.tn.us) or [Robby.Tidwell@state.tn.us](mailto:Robby.Tidwell@state.tn.us) or (731) 738-5581.
- Fall Creek Falls      November 8 & 9      Backpacking Trip**  
Join us for a 13-mile trek through some of the more remote portions of the park. This hike is for both novices and experienced backpackers and includes a 2-day guided hike with an overnight camp. There is a \$10 fee and pre-registration is required. Contact the Nature Center at (423) 881-5708.



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- Roan Mountain      November 10      Christmas at the Farmstead**  
Roan Mountain State Park wishes you and yours a Merry Christmas. Glimpse how Christmas was celebrated years ago while enjoying old time music and traditional holiday treats. [Josh.Howard@state.tn.us](mailto:Josh.Howard@state.tn.us) or (423) 772-0190.
- Sycamore Shoals      November 14 - 16      Christmas Craft Show**  
Friday      10:00 am - 4:30 pm  
Saturday      8:00 am - 4:30 pm  
Sunday      1:00 pm - 4:30 pm  
Don't miss this tremendously popular craft extravaganza just in time for Christmas. Forty-eight local crafts persons exhibit and demonstrate their talents with a Christmas twist. For more information, visit [www.sycamoreshoals.org](http://www.sycamoreshoals.org) or call (423) 543-5808.
- Sycamore Shoals      November 22-23      Thanksgiving Garrison at Fort Watauga**  
10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Join us as Hardin's Rangers provide a glimpse into the past with an 18th century Thanksgiving at Fort Watauga. Plenty of food and demonstrations. For more information, visit [www.sycamoreshoals.org](http://www.sycamoreshoals.org) or call (423) 543-5808.
- Tims Ford      November 22      Saturday Night Pickins**  
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**Sycamore Shoals      Month of December  
Winterfest Christmas Tree Exhibit & Art Show**

Opening Reception    November 30    1:30 pm

Monday – Saturday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Sunday 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

With an annual Winterfest theme, this event opens with a reception to view the trees, artwork, and an opportunity to meet the artists. The exhibit features Fraser fir trees decorated by local organizations with handmade ornaments. The Watauga Valley Art League displays the artwork. For more information, visit [www.sycamoreshoals.org](http://www.sycamoreshoals.org) or call (423) 543-5808.

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**Cove Lake                      December 1                      Christmas in the Park**

Cove Lake's Christmas in the Park features 2500 luminaries, the Lighting of the Tree, fireworks display, refreshments, children's crafts and activities, caroling, and an appearance from Santa Claus and friends. Children can also have their picture taken with Santa for no charge. [Beverly.Phillips@state.tn.us](mailto:Beverly.Phillips@state.tn.us) or (423) 566-9701.

**Fall Creek Falls      December 5-7      Christmas on the Mountain**

Join us for a weekend of Yuletide fun, Christmas Carols, and gifts for the little ones. Activities for children and adults alike include traditional Christmas decorating, tea parties, and a 3-day mountain craft show. Don't be surprised if Saint Nick drops in. (423) 881-5708.

**Sycamore Shoals      December 5 & 6      Christmas at the Carter Mansion**

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Spend the evening in this 18<sup>th</sup> century home built on the frontier around 1775 featuring the beautiful interior craftsmanship decorated for Christmas in the style of 1780. Costumed interpreters, candlelight, refreshments, and music highlight the evening. For more information, visit [www.sycamoreshoals.org](http://www.sycamoreshoals.org) or call (423) 543-5808.

**Davy Crockett  
Birthplace**

**December 6 & 7      Crockett Christmas**

Crockett Christmas is a living history event that will provide visitors a glimpse into Christmas on the frontier. The birthplace cabin will be decorated in pioneer Christmas spirit. Traditional music will be provided along with hot cider and edibles. The path to the cabin will be lit by candlelight and we will have a nice warm campfire outside the cabin. For more information please contact [Dawn.Coleman@state.tn.us](mailto:Dawn.Coleman@state.tn.us) or call our Visitor's Center at (423) 257-2167

**Fort Loudoun**

**December 6      Living History Weekend**

Fort Loudoun State Historic Area will host this annual event that provides visitors the chance to experience the atmosphere of an 18<sup>th</sup> century Christmas in a British fortification in the Cherokee territory. The fort buildings are decorated with traditional greens such as holly and ivy. Re-enactors will be present to demonstrate daily activities.

In the evening, the fort will be illuminated with candles and luminaries. Refreshments and candlelight tours begin around 6 p.m. The tours will conclude with a rare, nighttime firing of the fort's largest cannon. This is a one day event and admission is free. For more information, visit the fort's website at [www.fortloudoun.com](http://www.fortloudoun.com), email the staff at [fortloudoun@tds.net](mailto:fortloudoun@tds.net) or call the park office at 423-884-6217.

**Sycamore Shoals**

**December 6 & 7      Christmas Garrison at Fort Watauga**

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Ring in the Christmas season with the Company of Overmountain Men as they celebrate with living history demonstrations of the 18th century in the backwoods of Colonial America. For more information, visit [www.sycamoreshoals.org](http://www.sycamoreshoals.org) or call (423) 543-5808.

**Tims Ford**

**December 6      Saturday Night Pickins**

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**Warriors Path**

**December 6      Adopt A Tree**

Young people are invited to come to the park that Saturday morning to help us plant future forests. For each tree seedling you plant in the park, you get to take one home to plant. Come early, as supplies of trees are limited! [Marty.Silver@state.tn.us](mailto:Marty.Silver@state.tn.us) or (423) 239-6786.

**Cordell Hull  
Birthplace**

**December 11                      Old Fashioned Christmas at the Birthplace**  
Please join park staff as we celebrate the holidays the way they were enjoyed in the late nineteenth century, the time period in which former Secretary of State Cordell Hull lived in this rural area on the edge of the Cumberland Plateau. Festivities will include old fashioned holiday music by Ross Moore using 14 traditional instruments, lantern-lit trail hikes, refreshments, & seasonal decorations in the restored birthplace cabin. 6-9pm. Contact: Robin Peeler, [Robin.Peeler@state.tn.us](mailto:Robin.Peeler@state.tn.us) or 931-864-3247.

**Chickasaw**

**December 12-14              Lighting of the Park**  
Come enjoy a Christmas drive through the park. There will be numerous electric light displays throughout the park as well as 2500 candle luminaries lining all of the roadways in the park. Santa Claus will be present as well as live entertainment. 6-9 pm each night.  
[Ronald.Elder@state.tn.us](mailto:Ronald.Elder@state.tn.us) or (731) 989-5141.

**Norris Dam**

**December 13                      Holiday Homecoming**  
This annual event will provide visitors with the chance to experience the atmosphere of early life in the Appalachian region. Entertainment, music, 1900 horse-drawn wagon rides, demonstrations, etc. appropriate to the period will be featured for the evening. Walk is approximately 1 mile through the rustic cabins, so please dress warmly, wear comfortable shoes and bring a flashlight for your added safety. Free admission, but donations of non-perishable foods is greatly appreciated for the local mission.  
[Allison.Humble@state.tn.us](mailto:Allison.Humble@state.tn.us) or the park office at (865) 426-7461.

**Warrior's Path**

**December 19      Christmas in the Valley**  
Warrior's Path State Park will host this event for the very first time. Bring your children to make ornaments from around the world. Learn about different cultures that came through this area. [Scott.Crick@state.tn.us](mailto:Scott.Crick@state.tn.us) or (423) 239-8531.

**Tims Ford**

**December 20                      Saturday Night Pickins**  
If you play an instrument or just enjoy listening to great music Tims Ford State Park is the place to be every other Saturday night. Please bring your instruments and join in. The music nights are held at the Recreation Building at Tims Ford State Park. 5 – 10 pm. For more information [sharon.reagan@state.tn.us](mailto:sharon.reagan@state.tn.us) or (931) 962-1183.

**Davy Crockett  
Birthplace**

**December TBA                      Pioneer 10K Run**  
Join us for an exhilarating run through our park and the town of Limestone. This is part of the Tennessee State Parks Running Tour and all runners must be registered. For more information on the Pioneer 10K Run, please contact Mr. Bob Townsend (423) 257-6188 or (423) 426-6709  
[bobt4@earthlink.net](mailto:bobt4@earthlink.net).

**Montgomery Bell**      **December 31**      **New Year's Eve Celebration Package**  
Montgomery Bell State Park will host a New Year's Eve Bash sponsored by the Friends of Montgomery Bell State Park. This event will have music, dancing, and fun provided by Gino's band performing a variety of live music from the 60's, 70's and now. The ticket package for two people will include tickets to the event, a champagne toast at midnight, a midnight breakfast catered by the Montgomery Bell Restaurant, and a room at the inn for overnight accommodations. The Friends of MBSP will have additional drinks available for purchase at the event. Ticket packages will cost \$175 and can be purchased from the Friends group. All proceeds of this event will go to supports the Friends of MBSP in their efforts to improve Montgomery Bell State Park. This event is 21 and up. Contact Dana Stein, Friends Secretary, at (615) 740-6841 or [friendsofmbsp@comcast.net](mailto:friendsofmbsp@comcast.net) to make your reservation!

## **2009**

**Warriors Path**      **January 10**      **Winter Gardening Seminar**  
Guest speaker Katie Steinhoff of Callaway Gardens will teach us environmentally friendly gardening methods. Free but pre-registration is required. 10 am – noon. [Marty.Silver@state.tn.us](mailto:Marty.Silver@state.tn.us) or (423) 239-6786.

**Warriors Path**      **April 17 – 19**      **Spring Nature Festival**  
Experience the delights of spring nature discovery in the great Tennessee outdoors. Participate in seminars taught by professionals, and hikes guided by trained naturalists. Topics include: spring wildflowers, tracking, astronomy, stream life, local geology, spring trees, and more! Free. [Marty.Silver@state.tn.us](mailto:Marty.Silver@state.tn.us) or (423) 239-6786.

**Warriors Path**      **June**      **Summer In The Park**  
Every Monday through Saturday, we offer free nature and recreation activities, including: guided hikes, creek walks, historical tours, crafts, games, junior rangers, campfire talks, and more. Free. Call for weekly schedule. [Marty.Silver@state.tn.us](mailto:Marty.Silver@state.tn.us) or (423) 239-6786.

**Warriors Path**      **July**      **Summer In The Park**  
Every Monday through Saturday, we offer free nature and recreation activities, including: guided hikes, creek walks, historical tours, crafts, games, junior rangers, campfire talks, and more. Free. Call for weekly schedule. [Marty.Silver@state.tn.us](mailto:Marty.Silver@state.tn.us) or (423) 239-6786.

**Warriors Path****August Summer In The Park**

Every Monday through Saturday, we offer free nature and recreation activities, including: guided hikes, creek walks, historical tours, crafts, games, junior rangers, campfire talks, and more. Free. Call for weekly schedule. [Marty.Silver@state.tn.us](mailto:Marty.Silver@state.tn.us) or (423) 239-6786.

**Warriors Path****July 25 Folklife Festival - (TENTATIVE)**

Come celebrate the folk traditions of East TN. Enjoy traditional life skills and crafts demonstrations, traditional games and contests, old-timey music, and more. And don't miss the tales around the campfire! Free. [Marty.Silver@state.tn.us](mailto:Marty.Silver@state.tn.us) or (423) 239-6786.

**Warriors Path****October 3 Environmental Education Workshop**

Learn to use nearby, familiar environments as "natural classrooms" for your children and students. Try teaching techniques that bring conservation to life. Especially for teachers and youth leaders. Free, but pre-registration is required. 9 am – 4 pm. [Marty.Silver@state.tn.us](mailto:Marty.Silver@state.tn.us) or (423) 239-6786.

**Warriors Path****December 5 Adopt A Tree**

All area young people are invited to help bring "re-leaf" to Kingsport. We'll be distributing free tree seedlings, to plant in the park and to plant at home. Help begin tomorrow's forests! Free. 10 am – noon. [Marty.Silver@state.tn.us](mailto:Marty.Silver@state.tn.us) or (423) 239-6786.